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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pamela W. Terry of Rosenberg, whose work with the
2 Texas Agricultural Extension Service has earned her widespread
3 appreciation and esteem, is retiring August 31, 2003, following an
4 outstanding 26-year career with that agency; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Terry joined the extension service in 1977 as a
6 county extension agent; she served as program leader for home
7 economics in Waller County for two years before accepting an
8 assignment as program leader for family and consumer sciences in
9 Fort Bend County in 1979; under her dynamic leadership, the
10 extension service in Fort Bend County has become a respected
11 resource for the development of crucial life skills; and

12 WHEREAS, One of Ms. Terry's major accomplishments has been
13 the establishment of a program to help people become more
14 responsible and effective parents; involving a broad coalition of
15 agencies, organizations, and individuals, the program has reached
16 more than 10,000 participants since its inception in 1990, with
17 classes offered in English and in Spanish; Ms. Terry has also played
18 an instrumental role in the creation of programs to dissuade
19 teenagers from using smokeless tobacco and to assist Hispanic
20 residents who are diabetic to understand and manage their disease;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Tireless in her efforts at public outreach, Ms.
23 Terry has written several hundred newspaper columns and articles,
24 produced a variety of informational publications and exhibits, and

1 created instructional videotapes, slides, kits, and packaged
2 programs; moreover, she has written a number of successful grant
3 proposals to help fund various extension projects; and

4 WHEREAS, The impact of Ms. Terry's commitment and expertise
5 has been felt far beyond the borders of Fort Bend County, for she
6 has been actively involved in the professional development of
7 extension agents at the district, state, and national levels; in
8 addition, she has given unstintingly of her time to numerous
9 professional organizations and committees, frequently in a
10 leadership capacity; and

11 WHEREAS, Pamela Terry has likewise devoted untold hours to
12 community organizations that promote the health and well-being of
13 area citizens; she has chaired the Fort Bend County Health Council,
14 chaired the board of the Mental Health Association of Fort Bend
15 County, served on the board of the American Heart Association in
16 western Fort Bend County, and served on various committees and
17 councils of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District; she
18 has also worked as a volunteer with a number of projects of Sacred
19 Heart Catholic Church; and

20 WHEREAS, The recipient of a host of accolades, this
21 outstanding Texan has been recognized by community, charitable, and
22 professional groups alike; among the most recent honors to be
23 conferred on Ms. Terry was a 2002 Continued Excellence Award, one of
24 the most prestigious awards presented by the National Extension
25 Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; and

26 WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Terry has
27 enjoyed the love and support of her husband, Jim, and sons, A. J.

1 and Steve; and

2 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, the extraordinary
3 contributions made by Pamela Terry have benefited countless lives
4 and strengthened the social fabric of Fort Bend County, and for all
5 that she has done in behalf of her fellow citizens she is profoundly
6 treasured; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby warmly commend Pamela W.
9 Terry on the occasion of her retirement from the Texas Agricultural
10 Extension Service and extend to her sincere gratitude for her
11 exemplary public service; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Ms. Terry as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.